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**S P E E C H**  
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To His Sacred M A J E S T Y,  
**C H A R L E S II.**

In *St. Paul's Church-yard*, as His  
M A J E S T Y passed from the Tower  
of *London* to *White-hall* the Day  
before His Royall Coronation,  
*April 22. 1661.*

By JAMES HEWLETT, one of the Chil-  
dren then harboured in *Christ's Hospitall*.

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SPLENDOR

To His Grace the Duke of Devonshire

CHANCELLOR

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*Dread SOVEREIGN,*



History tells us, that such piercing Raies darted forth from King *Philip's* Countenance, as dazled the Eyes of *Demosthenes* the Oratour so much, that his voluble Tongue forgot its Duty, and was lock'd up in Silence.

Much more might I fear the like to befall me, being now before so glorious a SUN as may well dazle the eyes of so poor a Nothing as I am. Who am I, that I should adventure to invite the Ears of so great a MAJESTY to so contemptible a Sound, and the Eyes of such a Glory to the beholding my self and these vile Abjects? But I have heard that as there is a Majestick Glory in Your Person, so there is a Royal Goodness in Your Disposition.



sition. This hath emboldned this poor Dust to beseech You to accept of two Mites from these the lowest and meanest of all Your Subjects.

Our first Mite is the expression of our Joy for Your MAJESTY's wonderfull Preservation in Your Absence, Your safe Arrivall to us, and Your Presence among us. This Year may well be call'd *the Year of Wonders*; and this Day of Your Solemnity may be term'd *the Birth-day of England's Happiness*, and therefore deserves to be registred in the Kalendar of the Hearts of all Loyall Subjects.

We have all seen those *Magnalia Dei* plainly discovered, and have observed the Wheels of Divine Providence in a seeming Contrariety; yet the Motion at last to be true and regular. Blessed be that God that in the midst of all our dismall Conflagrations did provide Your MAJESTY a *Zoar* to rest in, and now at last hath



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hath so calm'd those Storms and State-  
Convulsions, that You may this day en-  
circle Your Royall Brows with a glorious  
Crown, and be advanced to Your Throne  
in much Serenity.

But Mites, as they are of no great Value,  
so they are Pieces of no great quantity:  
I shall therefore offer up our second, which  
is a Mite of *Prayer*, and then cease to put  
farther stop to this Day's Solemnity.

We have two Petitions, the one *to*, the  
other *for* Your M A J E S T Y. We hum-  
bly beseech You, (most dread SOVE-  
R E I G N) that as at first E D W A R D  
the Sixth, who once sway'd the Sceptre of  
this Kingdom, laid a Foundation for the  
Reception of poor Orphans, who have  
since been upheld by all Your Royall An-  
cestors, especially Your late F A T H E R  
of blessed Memory; so You would shine  
upon us still by Your gracious Favour  
and Princely Indulgence. There are a-

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bove Eleven hundred of us, part whereof have, in the name of all, presented themselves this Day as lively Monuments of God's Mercy, and real Objects of Christian Charity: for whom, through the pious Care and faithfull Industry of the Right Honourable the Lord *Mayor, Aldermen, Governours*, and liberal *Benefactors*, a Table hath been spread, and other Necessaries both for Soul and Body afforded, even in the midst of those Exigencies that exposed others to Want and Penury.

But I am afraid any longer (Most Gracious **SOVEREIGN**) to detain Your Royall Ears with Childish Smatterings. I have done.

Heaven grant You long to live, and prosperously to Reign over us; that when You have finished God's Work, having sat upon this Earthly Throne Beloved, You may leave it Lamented.

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In the mean time let Orphans echo  
forth with gratefull Acclamations,

*God bless King CHARLES the Second.*

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*Reader, Had you been there when this  
Speech was spoken, you would have been  
much affected with it, and admired at the  
Oratour's modest Composedness in speaking,  
and his MAJESTY's gracious Conde-  
scension in casting an Eye upon the Children  
there seated, and honouring them with his  
Royall Presence, reining up his Horse near  
to the Scaffold, to hear what the Youth was  
to present to him.*

*The Youth that spoke this is now a Gra-  
duate in the University, and a hopefull  
Instrument of promoting God's Glory, and  
the Honour and Credit of that Hospital  
where once he had his Education.*

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In the name of the Lord  
to the which grateful acknowledgments

God bless King CHARLES the second

Reader, Had you been there when this  
Speech was spoken, you would have seen



the King's Speech, which was made  
at the opening of the second session  
of the Parliament, on the 23rd of  
October, 1689. The King was then  
present, and the Speech was made  
by the Lord Chancellor, Sir  
Humphrey Solmes, in the  
presence of the King, the Queen,  
the Prince of Wales, and the  
Duke of York. The Speech was  
very short, and contained only  
a few words of congratulation  
to the King and Queen on their  
accession to the throne.

1689



